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ANGER OVER JOB LOSSES



Construction work begins

WORK has got underway on a multi-million pound retirement village development in Witney.

The village, being built at Thorney Leys, is expected to provide housing for 240 people, and lead to the creation of around 150 jobs.

For the story, see page 3.

It is the second site to be developed by Richmond Villages in Oxfordshire, following on from their homes at Letcombe Regis. • (From left) Paul Jackson, Paddy Brice and Lyth Watson from Richmond Villages, and Rod Stiles of construction company BAM

Former Caterham F1 staff start legal action, before team does the same

A ROW has erupted between the Caterham Formula 1 team and around 40 of its former employees over allegations that they had not been paid.

Caterham, who are based at the Leafield Technical Centre in Langley, made redundancies following a takeover of the team earlier this month.

On Monday, a statement released by the former staff said they would be beginning legal action against the team, citing unfair dismissal and that promises they would be paid in July had not been kept.

But Caterham denies this, saying all employees were paid for the month last Friday – six days before it is formally due.

And the team said on Tuesday that it was going to start legal action of its own against the group of employees in relation to their allegations.

A statement released on Tues-

day read: "Caterham F1 Team has read with great concern recent reports about a group of individuals who are claiming unfair dismissal from the team following its takeover by new owners.

"The team is now seeking compensation for the damages suffered by the team due to the gross misrepresentation of the facts made by all those concerned.

"Additionally, the team has read claims that its staff were not paid in July – again, this is wholly untrue.

"Every individual currently employed by Caterham F1 Team was paid their July salary in full on July 25."

Lawyers Gardner Leaders, representing the employees,

responded with a statement yesterday.

It read: "The summary dismissal of employees from Caterham was done without warning or consultation, which is a breach of employment laws and contract and will result in significant compensation claims.

"We are informed by those that we represent they had not yet been paid on what would have been the usual payroll date of July 25, or by July 28.

"If those dismissed have now been paid that would obviously be very welcome."

Caterham F1 Team was taken over on July 2 by a consortium of Swiss and Middle Eastern investors headed by Colin Kolles, a former team principal with the HRT and Midland Formula One teams.

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Graveyard burial case was a UK first

THE murder of Didcot teenager Jayden Parkinson was the first case of its kind, police have said.

The 17-year-old's body was found in an existing grave in a cemetery by All Saints' Church – something officers who investigated the case say has never happened before in the UK.

Ben Blakeley, 22, of Christchurch Road, Reading, was jailed for life at Oxford Crown Court last Friday, with a minimum of 20 years, for her murder in December.

Detective superintendent



MURDERER: Ben Blakeley

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Chris Ward said: "There were two predominantly unique features.

"The first one is that we charged somebody with murder before we found Jayden's body which is always going to make a situation more complicated.

"That situation was also made more complicated by the fact that Ben Blakeley lied and deceived the police and frustrated our investigation.

"And the second unique feature is that he buried her in a pre-existing grave and we're satisfied that that hasn't ever happened in the UK before."

Blakeley murdered his pregnant ex-girlfriend in a field near Upton on December 3 by strangulation.

He buried Jayden in the field on December 5 before digging her up and moving her to his uncle Alan Kennedy's grave four days later.

In sentencing Blakeley, judge Patrick Eccles said Jayden was

strangled to death "in a jealous rage".

Judge Eccles said he believed Jayden was pregnant and Blakeley "dominated and controlled her every day life".

As Blakeley was taken down to the cells, someone from the public gallery shouted: "See you in hell".

Blakeley showed no emotion as he was sentenced and was also given eight years to be served concurrently for perverting the course of justice.

Judge Eccles described Blakeley's decision to dig up Jayden's body as "shocking".

He added: "Though in your twisted mind you may possibly have thought a graveyard was a better place for Jayden to be buried than a ditch in a field, there was no hint of respect or remorse in this hasty intervention.

"I am convinced your primary purpose was to prevent anyone else from ever knowing what had happened to Jayden Parkinson."

Jayden's father Paul died of a heart attack a week before the

trial started. Judge Eccles said "he must have been haunted by the thought" of what happened to his daughter.

A victim impact statement from Jayden's mother Samantha Shrewsbury said: "When I visit Jayden's grave it breaks my heart to not be able to hold Jayden safe in my arms, take her home with me and tell her how

so very much I love her."

The jury was discharged in the case of Blakeley's 17-year-old brother Jake who pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice but not guilty to preventing a lawful burial.

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VICTIM: Jayden Parkinson

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Healthwatch

OXON: Rachel Coney has been named as the new chief executive of the county's health and social care watchdog.

Ms Coney, who previously spent nine years working within the NHS, began her new role with Healthwatch Oxfordshire on July 21.

She said: "My priority will be to strengthen our position in Oxfordshire so that we can have the maximum impact on the development and delivery of health and social care services on behalf of those who use them."

Traffic jams

OXON: Roundabout works between Hinksey and Heyford Hill interchanges have caused major tailbacks in and around the city.

A 24-hour contraflow system was put in place between the two interchanges on Monday and is expected to last until November.

The work has caused major delays on the A34 southbound carriageway with drivers queueing as far as the Milton Interchange.

WWI: lights out

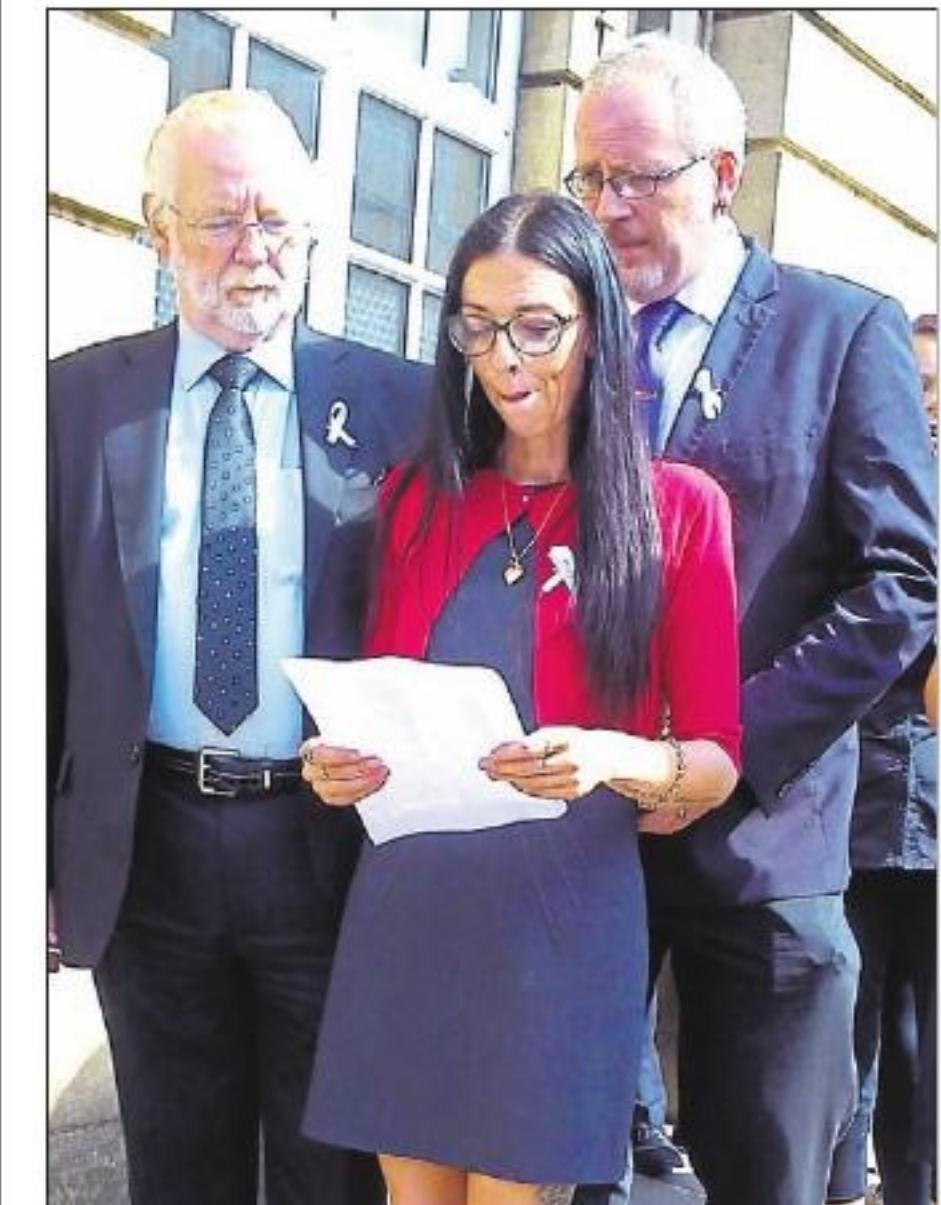
CHERWELL: Residents and businesses in the district will be switching off their lights for an hour from 10pm on Monday, August 4, to mark 100 years since Britain entered the First World War.

A solitary candle or lamp at Cherwell District Council's Bodicote House offices will be left alight during the hour to support the national 'Lights Out' event.

The initiative was organised by the Department for Media, Culture and Sport.

"never be able to find an ounce of forgiveness for the evil that murdered Jayden and then concealed her body in such a cold, calculated and cunning manner."

* Jayden's mother Samantha Shrewsbury (centre) reading the statement on Friday



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New £33m retirement village is on the way

WORK has started on a £33million retirement village in Witney, to provide accommodation for 240 older people.

The four hectare site at Thorney Leys will include a restaurant, gym, swimming pool, library, shop and outdoor bowling green.

It is being developed by health-care provider Richmond Villages, who also operate a retirement village at Letcombe Regis, near Wantage.

Around 150 jobs will be created once the Witney development is complete, ranging from care and hospitality to administration and management.

The care centre will house 60 beds on the first floor, as well as 46 assisted living suites for elderly residents across the ground and second floors.

Thirty independent living apartments will be built on the north of the site, with a southern cluster of a further 49.

Construction manager Steve Roome said: "We are looking forward to beginning this project to create first class facilities for

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those who want to get the most from later life.

"We will be working with local companies where possible to ensure our work benefits the local environment and community even at construction stage."

The first residents are due to move into the village late next year and early 2016.

Paul Jackson, director of development, sales and marketing at Richmond Villages, said: "We're excited because it's been quite a long time coming."

"We acquired the site back in 2006, but there were significant changes in economic circumstances at that time, so we've been keen to get Witney started for some time."

"I think it will probably be, in terms of designs and facilities, the best one we've done yet, which you always hope for with the latest one."



• An artist's impression of how the village will look



Young performers win national arts awards

TWO young people from West Oxfordshire have won special art awards from Arts Council England.

Huw Dickinson, from Chipping Norton, and Freya Powell, from Shipton Under Wychwood, were presented with their bronze art awards following a three-month project involving performing arts.

In a scheme run by Trinity College London, the two West Oxfordshire Academy of Performing Arts (WOAPA) students took part in the Arts Award scheme during their sessions in Witney.

Huw, 12, chose singing while Freya, 11, opted for dance as her performing art.

Brian Conroy, principal at

WOAPA, said: "Arts awards are a great way for young people to achieve a nationally recognised qualification doing something creative that they really enjoy."

"The programme involves the students having to challenge themselves, develop skills, review arts events and research professional performers who inspire them."

"Part of the programme involves them passing on their skills to younger students, which in turn makes them an inspiration themselves."

Brian was also presented with an adviser inspiration award via the arts award scheme, one of just six awarded nationally each year.

• Huw Dickinson and Freya Powell with their awards

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String of thefts

WITNEY: A 40-year-old man has been charged with 156 offences of theft and fraud more than 10 years after they are alleged to have taken place in Witney.

The man, from Palma De Mallorca, Spain, is believed to have stolen cheques and money from a company in the town between April 17, 2000 and July 31, 2003.

He was arrested in Spain on July 7 before being returned to the UK and appearing at Banbury Magistrates Court on July 18.

A plea and management case hearing is due at Oxford Crown Court on October 10.

New trailer

WITNEY: The Lions Club of Witney have been given a Lottery grant to replace their 35-year-old caravan with a new purpose-built trailer.

As well as the trailer, the club were also able to buy a new marquee, which it will hire out to local organisations to raise money.

Ted's journey

CARTERTON: A teddy bear which belongs to the town's mayor Lynn Little is travelling around the world with 99 squadron from RAF Brize Norton to raise money for charity.

The bear, called Pilot Officer Ted Little, will have his log book signed as he meets troops from around the world to fundraise for military charity SSAFA.

Ted will then return for the mayor's annual teddy bear's picnic on the Alvescot Recreation Ground on September 18.

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Didcot Power Station: Did you know?

- The power station was designed by architect Frederick Gibberd
- It cost £104million to build
- Building work started in 1964 and was completed in 1968, with commercial operations starting in 1970
- The last megawatt of power was produced in March 2013
- The site covers over 180 acres of land
- About 116 acres has been sold to Clowes Developments
- Didcot A's main chimney is 200m tall and is made up of 832,000 flu lining bricks
- The cooling towers are 113m tall and 93m wide
- 7,500 separate demolition charges were used to demolish the southern cooling towers
- In the last five years before its closure, Didcot A produced enough electricity to make almost one trillion cups of tea
- Didcot A could generate enough power to meet the needs of two million households

Towers topple in style from skyline

DIDCOT Power Station's southern cooling towers stood for 46 years, but it took just 12 seconds for them to vanish from Oxfordshire's skyline on Sunday morning.

The three towers were blown down at 5am.

All that remains is the base of one of the structures.

RWE npower executives and members of the press watched the demolition from Didcot B Power Station.

And thousands gathered at high points across Oxfordshire to watch the towers being blown down.

Phil Noake, former Didcot A station manager, was among those watching and described the site of the towers coming down as "awful".

The cooling towers, which were built in 1968, were demolished with 180kg of explosives.

Npower bosses said the demolition process went safely and contractors Coleman & Company will remove the part of the

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structure that remains.

Kevin Nix, head of RWE Generation UK, said: "There is still a little bit of structure left, but the contractors say that is no great issue - they can just clear that with machinery."

He added: "I worked at the power station a couple of times in my career and it was a great place to work so it was very sad to see it starting to disappear.

"There is a lot of demolition still to do and it will still be around for a year or two but it is a sad day to see it go."

Alan Robinson, chief commercial officer at RWE Generation, added: "I did my training here back in the early 1980s and lived here for many years so personally I'm a little bit sad.

"But I've accepted for a long time that the era of coal stations is coming to an end."

Didcot A Power Station began



• Didcot Power Station's cooling towers toppling commercial operation in 1970 retained for future power generation development.

The demolition of the entire site will last for a further two years with the chimney the last structure to be blown down in 2016.

About 116 acres of land at the site has been sold to developers Clowes Developments.

The remaining 70 acres will be

retained for future power generation development.

Mr Robinson added: "We're talking to other parties and local authorities about the future of the site but I expect it will be sold off for commercial development in tune with the rest of this part of Oxfordshire."

The station had to shut after opting out of a European Union Large Combustion Plant Directive in 2008. It had to stop generating power after 20,000 hours.

'An upsetting spectacle' - says ex-boss

DIDCOT A Power Station's former manager described the sight of the southern cooling towers being blown up as "the end of an era" on Sunday morning.

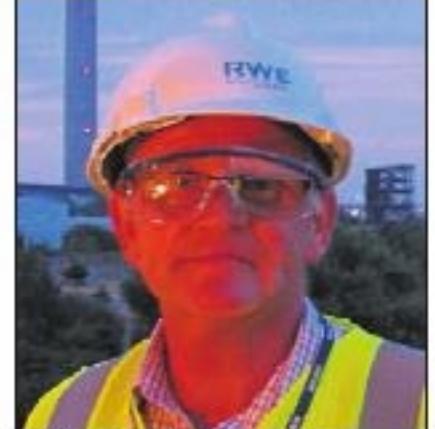
Phil Noake, who worked at the power station for 20 years, watched from Didcot B Power Station as the three towers were demolished at 5am.

Mr Noake told the Oxfordshire Guardian: "It is the end of an era."

"Having spent 20 years of my life and 40-odd years in the industry, to see them come down brings a tear to my eye."

Mr Noake, now retired, added: "It was a big spectacle, but it was not something I looked forward to at all.

"The worst time was when we stopped generation, but to now see it torn apart and blown down is very upsetting."



• Phil Noake
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News Bites**Green awards**

OXFORD: Brookes University's three city campuses have received Green Flag Awards for a third year in a row.

Harcourt Hill, Headington and Wheatley campuses have all been given the accolade, which rewards efforts to reduce litter and encourage pride in green spaces.

Five Oxford City Council parks – Blackbird Leys, Cutteslowe and Sunneymead, Florence, Hinksey and Bury Knowle – also received Green Flag Awards.

Car hits man

BLACKBIRD LEYS: A man was hit by a car after an argument with a woman near Evenlode Tower on Sunday.

At about 1am a man and woman had a fight near the tower block.

A short time later the man was hit by a silver car while he was on the pavement - and the woman got into the vehicle.

The man suffered heavy bruising to his leg and was treated at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headley Way.

Council meeting

OXFORD: The next Oxford City Council meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 4 at 6pm.

The Planning Review Committee will meet in the Old Library at the Town Hall on St Aldates.

Family 'can grieve' after killer jailed

THE family of two children who died in a house fire 17 years ago have said they can "now grieve properly" after a woman was convicted of their manslaughter last week.

Fiaz Munshi, 38, of Manley Road, Oldham, was sentenced to 13 years behind bars at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

She was found guilty of the manslaughter of eight-year-old Anum Khan and her 15-year-old brother Majid.

She is the seventh person to be jailed for the arson attack after Alan Swanton, Thomas Liedl, Mohammed Nawaz, Haq Nawaz, and Haroon Sharif, were all convicted of murder and Riaz Munshi of manslaughter.

Fiaz Munshi was arrested in 1997 but released due to insufficient evidence.

She flew to Pakistan and could not be arrested when police discovered new evidence two days later.

Shenaz Akhtar, the sister of Anum and Majid, spoke outside of court on Friday, and said Munshi's sentencing signified "the happiest day" of the family's life.

"It has taken 17 years for Fiaz Munshi to be brought to justice

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for the killings of Majid and Anum," she added.

"This is despite members of the Oxford community who have known the whereabouts of Fiaz Munshi ever since she fled the UK."

"Finally after 17 years we can now grieve properly and visit Majid and Anum's grave together for the first time as a family and first time with our parents."

"This is the happiest day of our lives and we carried on fighting for Majid and Anum who will always remain deep within our hearts."

The Khan family home on Magdalen Road, Oxford, was set alight with petrol on August 26, 1997, with seven people asleep inside.

Six managed to escape, but nine-year-old Anum died in the fire while Majid passed away at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, after suffering severe burns.

In Autumn 2012, a member of the family contacted police and enquired about Munshi after



• Fiaz Munshi

her subsequent flight to Pakistan led to her avoiding arrest opened.

Munshi was arrested and charged in October last year and was found guilty by a jury at Oxford Crown Court last Tues-

day before being sentenced on Friday.

£4m deal to secure research

OXFORD University Hospitals NHS Trust has won a new £4million contract to support a health research centre in Summertown.

Health organisation Cochrane Collaboration's UK centre in Middle Way will now continue its links with the trust until March 2020.

The NHS Trust, who has hosted the facility since 2010, won the new deal following a tendering exercise.

Oxford's UK Cochrane Centre (UKCC) was established in 1992 as part of the Cochrane Collaboration.

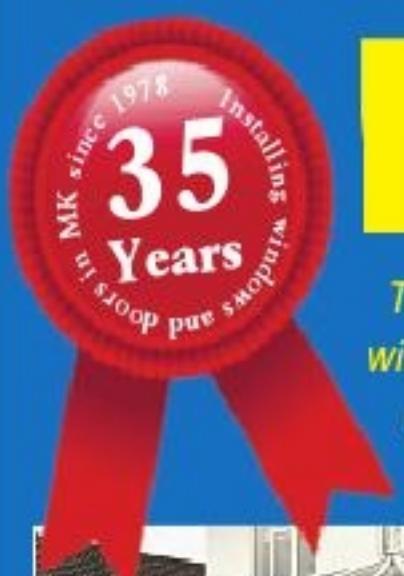
They joined to produce and spread information to improve healthcare locally, nationally and internationally.

Martin Burton, honorary consultant otolaryngologist at the trust and director of the UK centre, said: "We are delighted that the UKCC will continue its association with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust."

"This decision provides continuity, enables us to strengthen our existing relationships and concentrate on what we do best."

Prof Dame Sally Davies, chief medical officer and scientific adviser at the Department of Health, added: "These new awards are important because of the role systematic reviews play in the health research landscape."

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Jail for man with hidden stun gun

A BLACKTHORN man who was caught with a stun gun disguised as an iPhone has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Marcel Cross, of Chapel Close, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm at Oxford Crown Court on July 21.

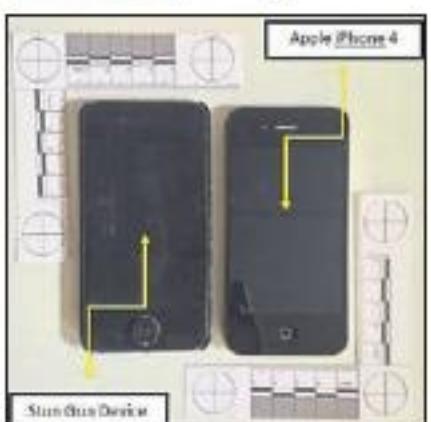
It relates to an incident on January 6, when police got reports Cross was in possession of the stun gun.

He was then arrested and charged on March 18.

Investigating officer PC Joe Stafford said: "There can only be one reason for disguising an item like this and that is to allow a person to carry it without detection."

"The seriousness of this was reflected in the sentence passed at court. It should act as a deterrent to others."

• (Left) Marcel Cross and (below) the stun gun



Joining forces for the Memory Walk

By Dan Church

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TWO women from Chipping Norton are urging people to sign up to Oxford's first big Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk, after experiencing personal ordeals within their family.

Deborah Rose, 50, joined up with Oxford's roller derby team, Wheels of Gory, in Oxford's University Parks on Tuesday to help promote the event.

She is encouraging people to sign up along with her friend Tracey Davies, 41, from Chipping Norton.

The walk, which is due to take place on Sunday, September 14, sees participants take on a 2km or 10km route.

And it aims to raise vital funds to improve the lives of people living with dementia.

Deborah said: "I am walking for my wonderful Dad, Roy Watson, who was diagnosed with dementia five years ago.

"Dad was always joking and people always commented on his quick-witted, dry sense of humour.

"My best friend Tracey's mum has also been diagnosed with



• (From left) Tracey Davies, Adrian Williams, Debbie Rose and Amy Jones prepare for the Memory Walk (Picture by David Fleming)

dementia and we try to support one another.

"Our whole lives have been turned upside down but now we want to do something positive and take part in Memory Walk with our friends and family."

Members of the Wheels of Gory team are volunteering their services for the walk, including Amy Jones, 33, from Marston.

She said: "Several of our members have family directly affected by this terrible disease and it was something we all felt we wanted to support as much as we could.

"As a team we wanted to give our time to marshal the Memory Walk, to help the Alzheimer's Society run a great event by raising money and awareness for their charity."

The Wheels of Gory team selected the Alzheimer's Society as their charity of the year after members of the squad experienced the impact of the brain disease within their own families.

Adrian Williams, community fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society, added: "You can sign up your whole family and even bring the dog along if you like."

News Bites

Blaze at farm

NORTH WESTON: Fire services dealt with a farm blaze at North Weston on July 21 which affected 20 tonnes of manure, machinery, and hay.

Crews were called to Abbey Farm at around 5.20pm, and had to control the fire overnight until it was extinguished completely.

Cards stolen

OXFORD: A man in his 70s has been defrauded of his bank cards after being contacted by a man claiming to be from the 'fraud squad' last Tuesday.

At around 7.30pm, the victim was instructed by the man to phone his bank, before his cards were collected by another man claiming to be a courier.

The cards were then used to withdraw a quantity of cash.

Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

Shop success

OXON: British Heart Foundation shops in Oxfordshire have raised £457,000 over the past year, the charity has announced.

The money has been used to fund 124 defibrillators, nine healthcare professionals and two heart support groups in the area.

Margaret Richardson, BHF area manager, said: "We're truly overwhelmed with the ongoing generosity of the local community in Oxfordshire."

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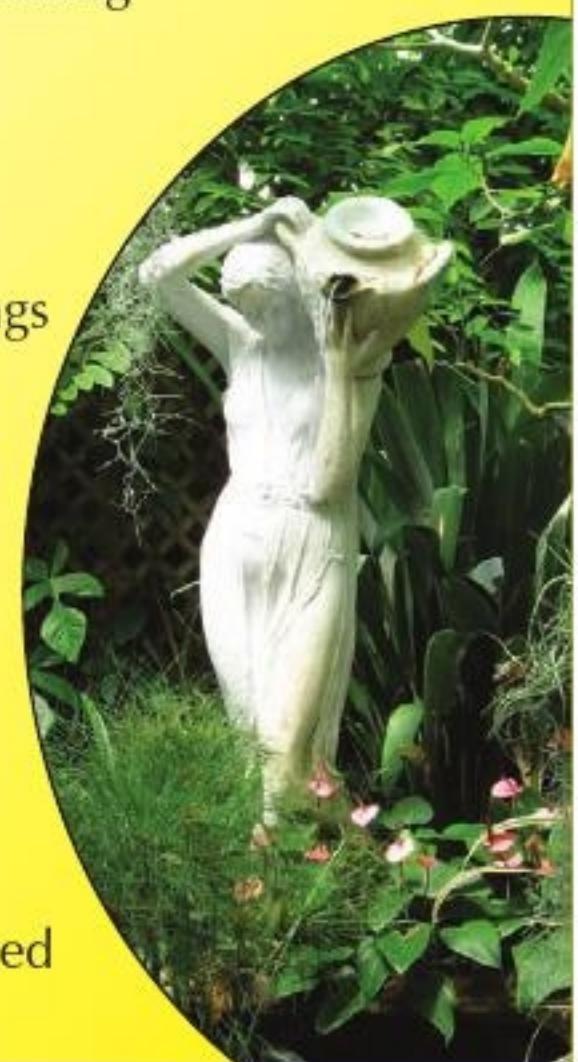
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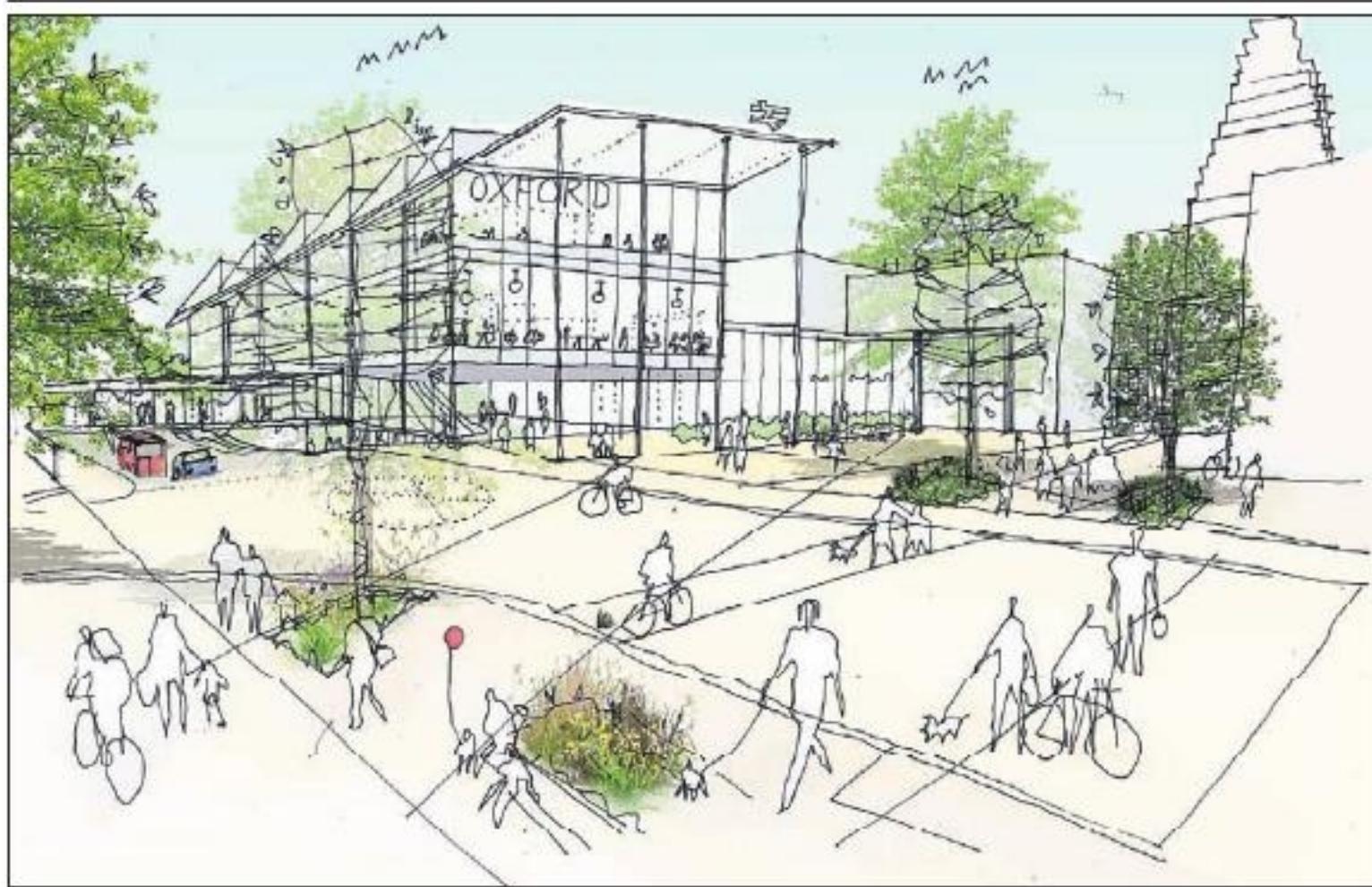
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Big plans for Oxford Station

PLANS to rebuild Oxford Station as part of a major £75million development were unveiled last Thursday.

The masterplan for the station off Botley Road outlined plans to increase the number of platforms to five – from three – for a rise in passenger numbers over the next 30 years.

A new station building would be built over the railway lines, which would be connected to a bus station and multi-storey car park on the other side of Botley Road by a footbridge.

The development is part of a joint project by Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Network Rail, in conjunction

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with First Great Western and the Department for Transport.

Simon Maple, project sponsor at Network Rail, said: "Oxford's a growing city in terms of the number of people who will be using the railway."

"There are going to be new services running into Oxford, increasing numbers of trains, better trains, and it's going to provide better rail opportunities."

"Obviously you can't do this volume of work without causing some disruption, but we'd look to minimise the amount of delays."

Ian Hudspeth, leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said: "I think it's very exciting, because having that iconic gateway station coming into Oxford is really something we've got to look forward to and welcome."

"It's not just about creating additional passenger space, it's about creating somewhere that you can really say, 'wow, this is Oxford'."

The proposed development to Oxford Station comes after plans to transform Frideswide Square were approved and an application to develop the Westgate Shopping Centre was announced in the past month.

Bob Price, leader of Oxford City

Council, is hopeful that all the development work in west Oxford will not cause excessive disruption.

He said: "Luckily they won't coincide in time."

"Frideswide Square is going to be next year, and this development won't start until 2017, so basically there will be quite a gap between the two."

"The work for the Westgate Centre will be starting in 2015, running until 2017, so there shouldn't be too much disruption."

"The west end of the city will be completely transformed, and that does make for a very exciting prospect in the city."

Those involved in the project are now looking to secure funding, which is expected to cost around £75m.

Mike Hogg, projects and planning director at First Great Western, said: "It's a lot of money to be found,

"But it has to happen, something has to happen. Oxford Station is unsustainable for the amount of passengers it's got today."

A public exhibition of the station plans is being held at the Westgate Centre tomorrow and Saturday.

(From left) Mike Hogg, David Sexton from the Department for Transport, Simon Maple, Ian Hudspeth and Bob Price at Oxford Station

Oxford Station timeline

1844: First Oxford Station opens at Western Road, Grandpont

1850: Oxford and Rugby Railway line opens as far as Banbury

1851: Separate station built at Rewley Road, at what is now the Said Business School in Frideswide Square

1852: Grandpont station closed to passenger services, new site opened in Park End Street

1872: Grandpont station closed completely

1951: Rewley Road station closed to passengers

1971: Oxford Station substantially rebuilt

1990: Main building and footbridge built

1999: Rewley Road station dismantled

2014: Redevelopment plans for Oxford Station announced



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Seaside stories

SUTTON COURtenay: Tidller Tales days are offering some seaside fun this summer at Sutton Courtenay's Environmental Education Centre.

Oxfordshire-based storytellers Peter Hearn and Sarah Law will be telling new seaside stories about underwater wildlife to encourage children to explore the nature reserve.

Children of all ages can delve into the attraction on August 5, 6 and 7.

Church theft

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE: A man and a boy have been charged with theft from a church building in Kingston Bagpuize.

Thames Valley Police arrested the 26 and 17-year-olds on June 18 before charging them both on July 23 for theft.

Both have been bailed to appear at Oxford Magistrates Court on August 8.

TB man found

OXFORD: A man, believed to have tuberculosis, has been found after going missing earlier this week.

David Goodwin disappeared on Tuesday night but was found by police officers later that evening.

Thames Valley Police initially warned people not to approach him because he had the contagious condition.

Tributes paid to Jordan

THE mother of a young footballer has described her son as her "absolute everything" after his tragic death on holiday in Turkey last week.

Jordan Tabor (below), 23, from Oxford, fell from his hotel balcony at the Titanic Beach Hotel in Antalya on July 23.

It is unknown how the tragedy happened.

His mum Louise Bates, from Wootton, near Abingdon, has led tributes to the talented young footballer, who went to Cokethorpe School near Witney.

"Personally to me, he was my absolute everything," she said.

"I know lots of people have said how he was their "best friend" but he really was mine."

"He never stopped wanting to give me that hug and kiss and tell me he loved me."

"He would always call or text me with gossip about a night out or a football result or goal to see if I had seen it."

Mrs Bates said he was an "amazing brother" to younger siblings Finlay and Charlie and "deeply loved" his two other brothers Jake and Connor.

She added: "I know that Finlay and Charlie will both keep the football kicking in memory of their big brother whom both they and the rest of his family adored, especially his dad and grandparents as being their first grandchild was the apple in recent

By Jack Johnson
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of their eye."

Mr Tabor, a former Chelsea trainee who went on to play for Cheltenham Town, Didcot Town, Kidlington and AFC Hinksey, was on holiday with his girlfriend Danielle McEachran.

Miss McEachran posted on social media site Instagram: "I lost my best friend, my whole world and my meme... I love you so much Jord!!!"

"We will miss you so much my beautiful baby, and will see you soon. I love you so much. Good night meme."

Miss McEachran's brother Josh, who plays for Chelsea, also paid tribute to Mr Tabor on social media.

He tweeted: "Rest in peace my older brother Jordan Tabor. Love you forever mate!"

Mr Tabor's former clubs have also sent their condolences to the family.

Steve Clare, press officer at Didcot Town FC, described him as a "smashing lad".

He added: "Jordan, or Tabes as he was known by his teammates, was one of the most talented youngsters we've had at the club

years.

"Great with set-pieces, his left foot was sublime."

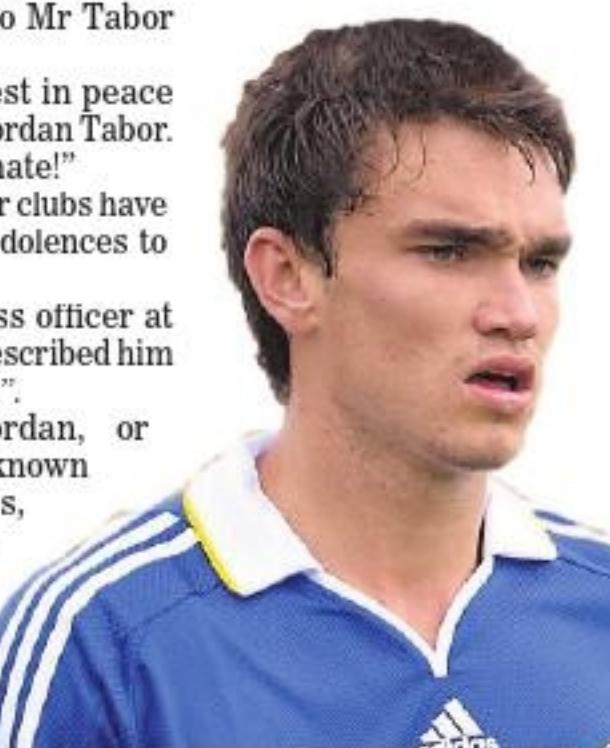
"Added to that he really was one of the nicest guys, totally grounded even though he had been at Chelsea."

"As popular with club officials as he was with his colleagues on the pitch, it's terribly sad news."

Chelsea FC also released a statement, saying the club was "in shock and saddened".

Mr Tabor's funeral will take place at St Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon, at Midday tomorrow, August 1.

An inquest date into Mr Tabor's death has yet to be announced.



Tom's tough challenge

AN OXFORD medical student is preparing to cycle one of Europe's most gruelling routes to raise money for city-based homeless charity Emmaus.

Tom Cranshaw, 21, is training to complete the 250km journey from Paris to Roubaix, near the Belgian border, in just one day on August 16.

The route is notorious for its cobblestone streets and rough terrain, and has previously been dubbed 'The Hell of the North'.

"The best I could do would be to describe it like this – they ploughed a dirt road, flew over it with a helicopter, and then just dropped a bunch of rocks out of it. It's that bad," said Tom.

Tom is hoping to raise £1,000 for Emmaus after being moved by the plight of homeless people in Oxford.

He added: "There is a stark contrast between the lives of most Oxford students and those of the homeless and at-risk in the city that can be easy to ignore."

"I wanted to both increase awareness and raise money for a great Oxford charity and I chose Emmaus specifically as a locally acting charity."

Eddie Blaze, general manager at Emmaus, said: "We want to

thank Thomas and wish him all the best, plus a lot of stamina and staying-power."

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• Tom Cranshaw will take on the 250km challenge on August 16

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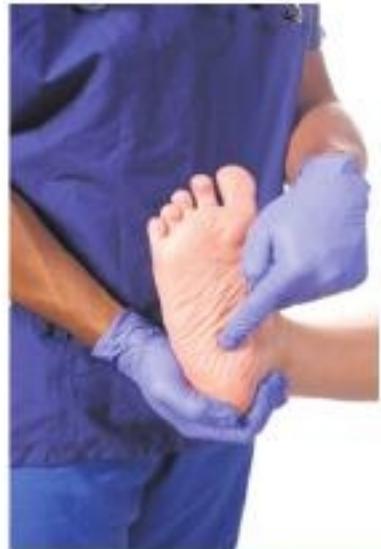


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Christmas Day rapist is jailed for five years

A MAN who raped a teenage girl on Christmas Day in 2011 has been jailed for over five years.

Jamie Williams, 20, of Chaffinch Walk, Oxford, was sentenced to five years and six months at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

A jury found Williams guilty of rape on July 18.

On Christmas Day four years ago, Williams phoned a 17-year-old girl and demanded she visited his home where he raped her.

Williams was charged on September 25 last year and has been made to sign the sex offenders' register for life and was given a restraining order against the victim.

Det Ch Insp Katy Barrow-Grint said: "We take all rape reports very seriously and this case shows that we will strive to bring all perpetrators to justice, no matter how long ago the offences took place."

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Decision due for uni's new centre

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OXFORD University could be set for a new medical research facility after officers at Oxford City Council recommended their plans for approval.

Councillors sitting on the East Area Planning Committee will decide whether to give the university full planning permission to start work on the site when they meet at Oxford Town Hall next Wednesday.

The university was granted outline planning permission for its Big Data Institute in July last year – made up of proposals for five separate buildings of up to five storeys tall.

University spokesman Matt Pickles said: "If approved, the Big Data Institute will facilitate world-class medical research which can take place in close proximity to other medical research laboratories and the hospitals.

"We have carried out a detailed consultation process and we hope councillors and members of the public have all the information they need to make a decision about our



• Designs of how the research centre could look application."

It is thought that the centre would employ 2,850 staff, with a maximum of 459 parking spaces being permitted.

But a public consultation for the plans showed there were worries that the parking allocation may be insufficient.

In comments made to the council, the Divinity Road Area

Residents' Association said they achieved.

were "concerned at the level of parking on site", as the "provision of 459 parking spaces seems unambitious".

A total of 32 planning conditions had been set when report when the centre was granted outline planning permission, it said it would be satisfied if a ratio of one parking space per 6.2 employees was

The current plans allow for roughly one space per 5.6 workers.

However in the city council's report when the centre was granted outline planning permission, it said it would be satisfied if a ratio of one parking space per 6.2 employees was

Funding plea to keep iron age mirror

A WOODSTOCK museum is urging the public to help raise funds to keep a rare bronze Iron Age mirror discovered near Didcot in the country.

The Oxfordshire Museum needs £33,000 to retain the first century BC mirror, which was recently sold to a bidder outside of the United Kingdom.

Following an appeal from charity Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum, a temporary export bar was issued, giving the museum the chance to raise the £33,000 needed to keep the mirror in the UK.

The museum is confident of receiving significant financial support from various organisations, but still need to raise up to £10,000 through public donations.

Trevor Hendy, chair of the Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum, said: "The people of Oxfordshire have a strong tradition of supporting their heritage.

"I know they will get behind us in this bid to buy the mirror so it can be seen and enjoyed by not only locals, but visitors from across the country and world."

Carol Anderson, director of the Oxfordshire Museum, added: "This mirror is a nationally important archaeological artefact as well as an outstanding work of art and piece of craftsmanship."

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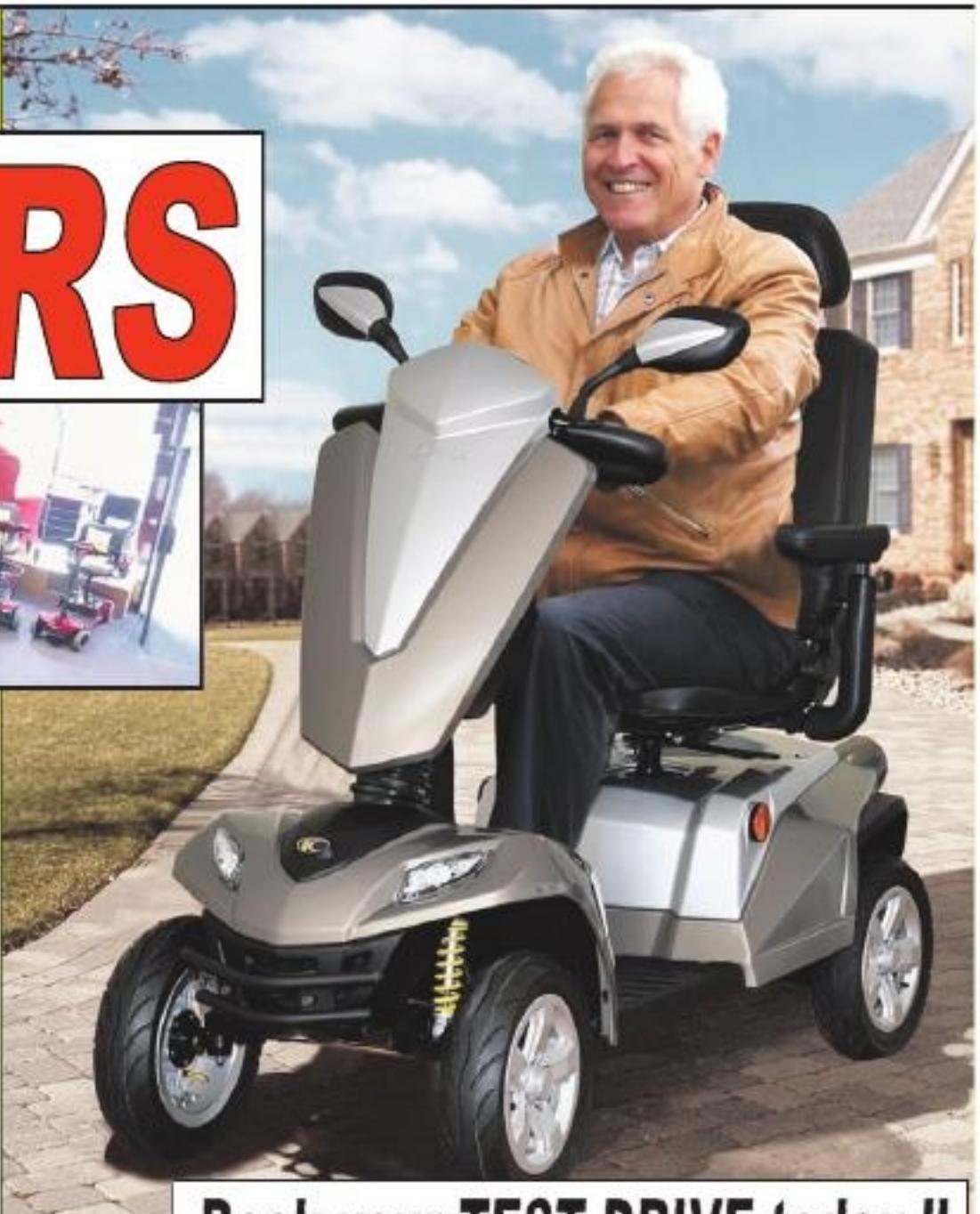
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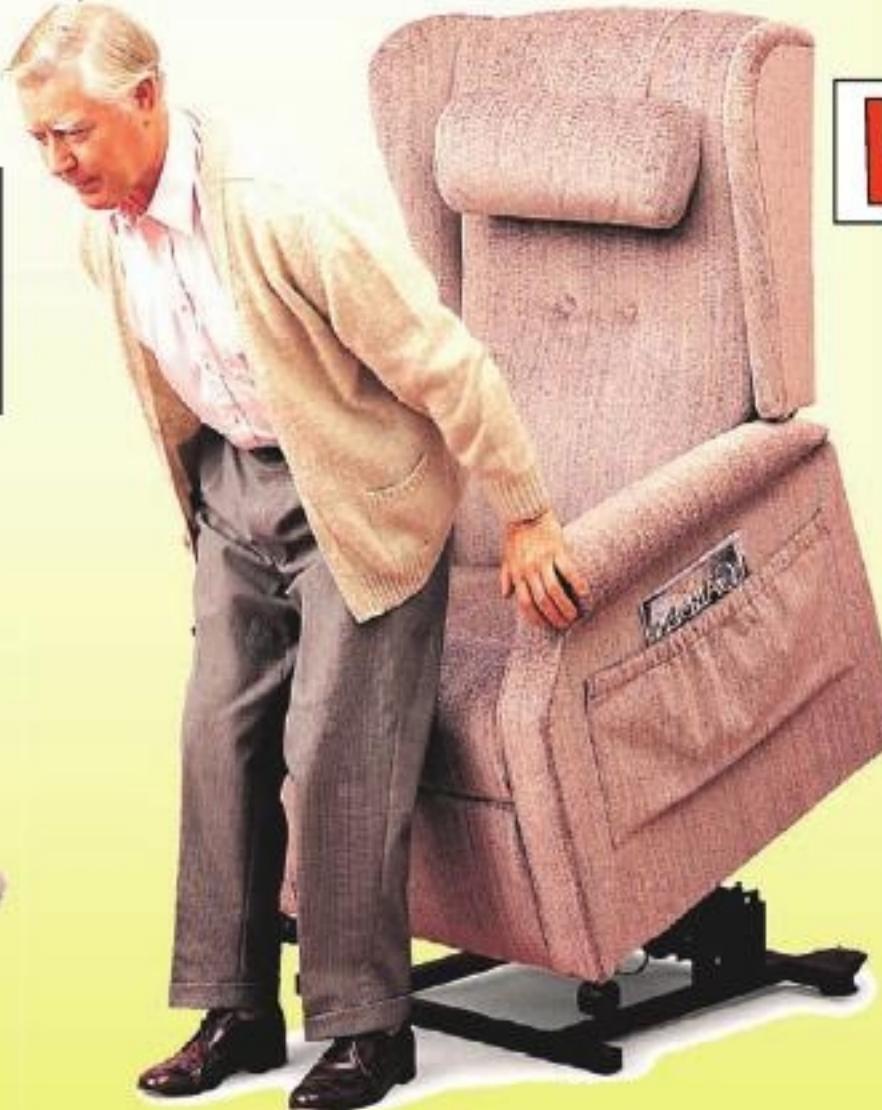


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Students to create futuristic designs for business park

OXFORDSHIRE'S Howbery Business Park has called on the services of Wallingford School's art and design students to create a futuristic vision of its existing development opportunity.

It will see students create external and internal designs of next generation office accommodation.

Drawings will be exhibited in the foyer of the historic Manor House in the park off Benson Lane later this year.

The winning design will be mocked-up and displayed as Howbery's vision of the future on an external Perspex sign created to simulate a view across the development land.

Howbery has planning permission to create 70,000sq ft of new office space.

Lettings and marketing manager, Angela Andrews, said: "We're delighted Wallingford School is embracing the challenge of creating a vision of Howbery's development potential."

** The UK Ship Simulation Centre is the most recent development which has been built this year at Howbery Business Park near Wallingford*



Business Matters

Guest columnist: Stuart Miller



Business tips from a founder

IN this month's guest column, Stuart Miller, co-founder and CEO of ByBox, talks on the recently launched Spark Vale business initiative:

ByBox now has 50,000 electronic lockers and 1,000 employees worldwide across seven countries, but I was never passionate about lockers when we first started-up.

It could have been peanuts!

I wasn't motivated by money or by trying to get rich. It purely came down to wanting to create an enterprise and to prove I could grow it.

The best piece of advice and thought I can share with entrepreneurs who are keen to come up with a business idea for the Spark Vale initiative is to try and make sure your idea is solving a problem.

Too many businesses are founded on something people believe is cool, interesting or fun.

However, unless you are solv-

ing a problem for someone, it is unlikely they will pay you.

It's also important the team around you play to their strengths, especially if you are intending on starting-up a business with one or two others.

During the early days, our biggest mistake at ByBox was allowing four or five of us to try and do everything, which was often the wrong thing.

It's important the team is balanced and driven by what they are doing as individuals.

Getting through those brutal first few months or even a year is a key milestone.

When you reach the day you can say your business is profitable, is a day you will always remember.

I'd like to strongly urge new entrepreneurs to take advantage of free advice from a team of experts from Spark Vale, something worth exploiting to help get your business idea off the ground. Got to sparkvale.co.uk.

strong links to Wallingford School with a number of projects underway.

This includes the painting of a mural at the request of park tenant

company, Anglo Info, student work experience with a number of park tenants, and Howbery's donation of unused office furniture for the school's IT room.

Business Bite

A Danish acquisition

OXFORDSHIRE-BASED telecommunications company VoIP - voip.co.uk - has announced the acquisition of Denmark's leading unified communications specialist, Firstcom, in a technology-driven move to accelerate the firm's growth across Europe.

The company has acquired 85 per cent ownership of Firstcom for an undisclosed sum.

It plans to initially retain two separate and complementary brands whilst continuing to develop its unified communications suite with further product launches anticipated later this year.

Voice-over-Internet Protocol

(VoIP) provides voice over IP cloud based services and is most known for an anti-phone hacking product.

The firm's chief technology officer, Adam Crisp, says: "Scandinavia is well ahead of the UK in terms of unified communications which will allow us to offer British businesses access to superior technology."

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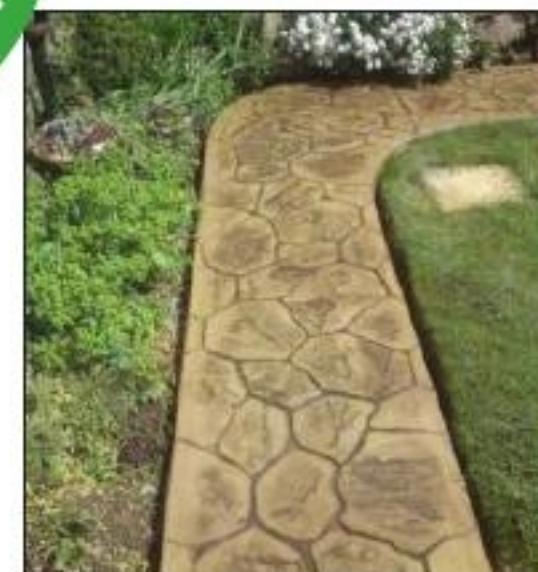
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Work of US playwright comes to life at Old Fire Station



• Catrin Aaron practising her first monologue *The Fever* for the show

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A traveller's monologue

A MONOLOGUE about a traveller who considers the impact of her life on the world while ill with fever is performed at the Old Fire Station today and tomorrow.

The Fever is based on the award-winning play by American author and playwright Wallace Shawn, and confronts questions concerning morality and equality.

The traveller is struck with fever while visiting a third-world country, and as it takes hold she speaks aloud about if she is the moral person she believes herself to be.

The play does tackle strong issues but director Alice Malin insists it doesn't force the message across.

"Having this fever, the traveller has to recalibrate everything she thinks about the world and her place in it," said Alice.

"But having said that, it's very funny and it doesn't beat you over the head with a message of 'we must all change', it's 'we have a problem, what can we do?'.

"I was interested in doing something

By Adam Flinn

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that looked at the fact that our world is very unequal, which is really interesting to me."

The monologue is performed by Catrin Aaron, who said this is the first play of this type she has done before.

"It's been intense," Catrin said. "It's an hour and half and is challenging, in an American accent as well.

"I've never done anything where the emphasis is solely on yourself, where the responsibility is on your shoulders to entertain an audience while you tell the story."

Doors open for today's and tomorrow's shows at 7pm, which start at 7.30pm.

For tickets, go to oldfirestation.org.uk or call 01865 263980.

• *Catrin Aaron takes on her first monologue in The Fever at the Old Fire Station tonight and tomorrow*



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Folk concerts

OXFORDSHIRE-BASED folk group Fairport Convention return to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Monday and Tuesday, in preparation for the upcoming Cropredy Festival.

The two concerts come before their 35th annual festival at Cropredy, which gets underway in the North Oxfordshire village next Thursday.

Both of the Banbury shows start at 7.30pm, and more details can be found at themillartscentre.co.uk.

Beer festival

THE third annual beer and cider festival at Cogges Manor Farm near Witney gets underway tomorrow and Saturday.

Over 40 varieties of beer and cider from local breweries will be on offer, as well as live music from The Original Rabbit Foot Spasm Band and Family Machine.

Both nights start from 6.30pm.

Backstage tour

OXFORD'S New Theatre is hosting a backstage tour on Saturday, to give theatre goers the chance to step behind the scenes.

For £8 visitors are shown backstage areas including the infamous haunted dressing room, sub-stage revolve, and the stage itself.

It starts at 10.30am.

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Poetry insight

TOURING poets and writers The New Libertines showcase their work at Oxford's Old Fire Station tomorrow.

It Only Hurts The First Time sees the writers discuss the human experience, and are supported by indie band Superhand.

Doors open at 6.15pm. For tickets, go to oldfirestation.org.uk.

Dancing days

A THREE-DAY dance workshop for children aged five to seven-years-old runs from Monday to Wednesday at the Chipping Norton Theatre.

Youngsters can try their hand at dances including jazz, contemporary and tap as they work on their own choreography.

Each day runs from 10.15am to 1pm. Go to chippingnortontheatre.co.uk for more information.

Youth festival

YOUTH festival MESH comes to an end at Pegasus Theatre in Oxford tomorrow, with a performance of Beowulf and Grendel.

More than 150 young people from across the globe have been involved in the festival since it began last Wednesday staging productions, debates and dances.

For more information, go to pegasustheatre.org.uk.

Shakespeare on show

By Adam Flinn

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A NEW adaptation of Shakespeare's classic play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is being performed in Oxford until Sunday.

Taking place at the Said Business School's rooftop amphitheatre, the play portrays the events surrounding the marriage of Duke of Athens, Theseus, and Queen of the Amazons, Hippolyta.

The production is set in the woodland realm of Fairyland.

It interconnects with the storyline of the fairy king and queen Oberon and

Titania, who are estranged.

The show also follows the story of four young lovers, and it is this aspect that production group Enchanted Players Theatre Company wanted to focus on in their performance.

"We are taking on a different approach to it," said Victoria Ruskin, acting coach with the company.

"Whereas other performances put the effort into the king and queen, we really wanted to see it from a different angle and the funny love triangle that goes on in our approach to it."

"We're using masks for all of the fairy realm, and the costumes are handmade."

It is being performed at the business school's amphitheatre at its site in Frideswide Square, where the company have previously put on shows including *Much Ado About Nothing*.

"The Said have got a lovely rooftop

amphitheatre, and it's really nice," Victoria added.

"The sun sets behind it and it's very atmospheric."

"It really works well with the fairy theme and the story."

Performances start at 7.30pm.

For more details about the show and the theatre company, go to enchanted-players.co.uk.

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16 Aug 2014, 7:45 pm

Music at the Barn, Witney

STUART RYAN LIVE CONCERT

Regarded as one of the UK's finest fingerstyle guitarists, Stuart Ryan began his professional career in

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he is proud to count as friends. Several of Stuart's previous students have also gone on to become prominent players themselves such as YouTube sensation Mike Dawes and 'Acoustic Guitarist of the Year 2011' Will McNicol. Stuart's music has also ended up in some unlikely places - Lamb vocalist/songwriter Lou Rhodes was so impressed with Stuart's study pieces that she used one of them in her track 'Rounds' from Lamb's 2011 album '5.'

<http://www.musicatthebarn.org/>

16 Aug 2014-, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm
Music at the Barn, Witney

AUGUST - STUART RYAN

- GUITAR MASTERCLASS
- ARRANGING FOR FINGER-STYLE GUITA

Stuart Ryan is regarded as one of the UK's finest fingerstyle guitarists. He has written countless articles for guitar magazines and has taught simply hundreds of students. Stuart's previous students have included YouTube sensation Mike Dawes and 'Acoustic Guitarist of the Year 2011' Will McNicol. Stuart holds the post of Head of Guitar at The Bristol Institute of Modern Music (BIMM) and is Guitar Techniques guru for all things Acoustic and finger style. The Masterclass will be a fully unique and interactive experience. Stuart will work intensively with a small number of students (max 15). He will focus on "arranging for fingerstyle guitar" and will look at arrangements from his highly acclaimed book "The Tradition". <http://www.musicatthebarn.org/>

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lenge is to decide what you think the quickest route will be between the checkpoints and then to find your own way along that route using a special orienteering map. The event takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August, around the intricate streets and parkland of the Ladygrove estate. There will be several courses to choose from, ranging from 1km for children in a traffic free area, up to 7km for runners. Help will also be available. Registration and parking will be at Didcot Town FC, Bowmont Water, OX11 7AF. Check out the flyer on our website

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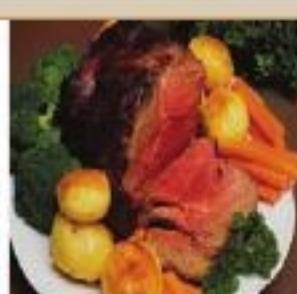
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- 17 Ocean movement (4)
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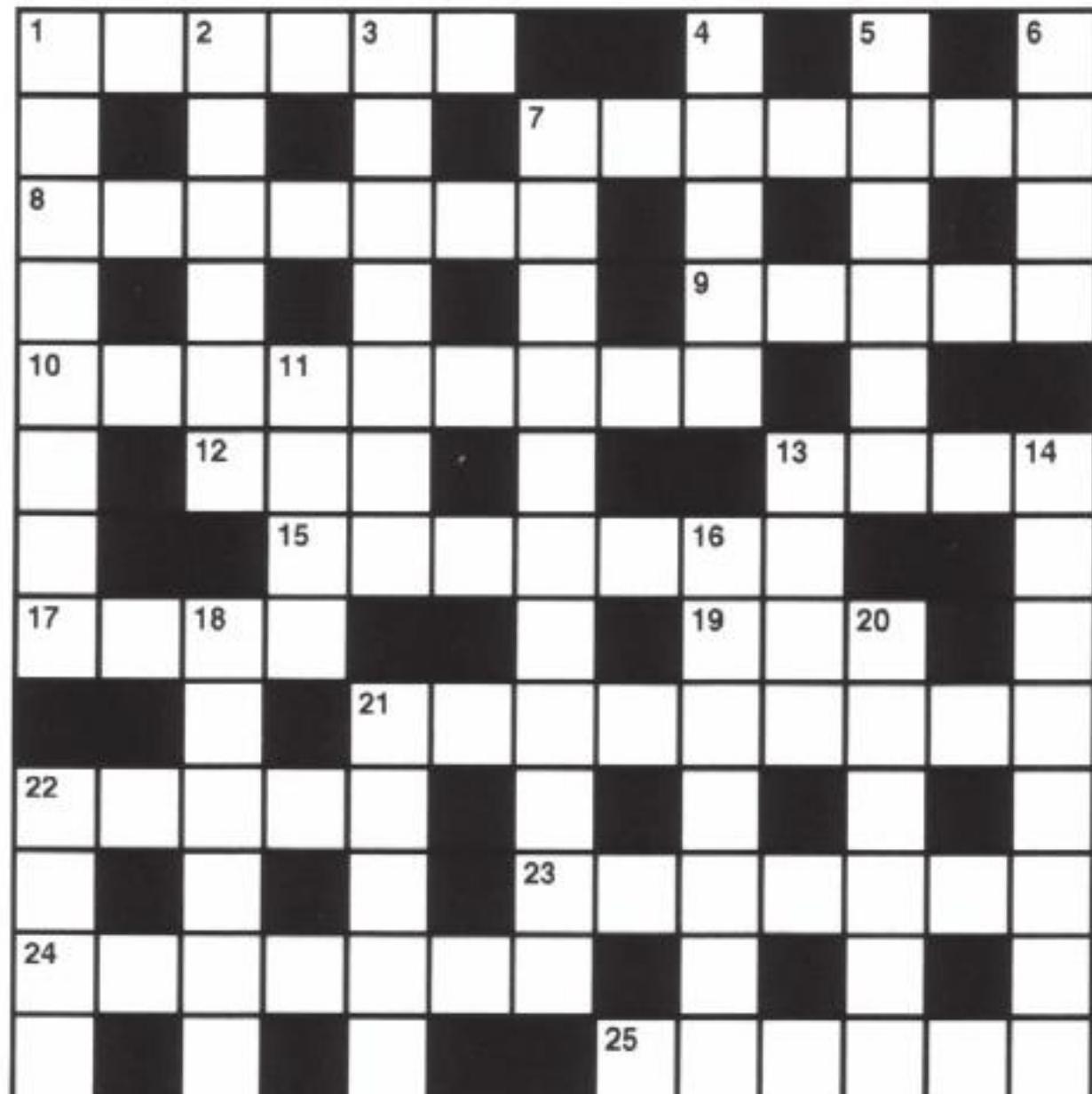
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- 11 Pry (4)
- 13 Large plant (4)
- 14 Most prepared (8)
- 16 Great Lake (7)
- 18 Consecrate (6)
- 20 Entertains (6)
- 21 Plain-spoken (5)
- 22 Covering (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Give joy by putting six in reckless surroundings (6)
- 7 The ultimate from the river, by the sound of it (7)
- 8 Respects the dirt in the commercials? (7)
- 9 Get to the stretch of water (5)
- 10 Care for the worker? At first, it's waiting (9)
- 12 Bend back a source of heat (3)
- 13 Seasonal plant (4)
- 15 Pause about jealousy (7)
- 17 Devours most of the animal foods (4)
- 19 Or holding a blade (3)
- 21 Carrying out the duties of a hangman (9)
- 22 Overlay the disguise (5)
- 23 Working to get one fish? (7)
- 24 Or is Sue otherwise solemn? (7)
- 25 Produces by degrees? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Concerning the present age, can it be interesting to peruse? (8)
- 2 Leaves out five at the beginning, and is sick (6)
- 3 Unusual to wander under the road (7)
- 4 Begin to find a loose woman below the initial surface (5)
- 5 Tell how it could connect? (6)
- 6 Noah's son could be in such a trap (4)
- 7 Recent maps to the south show diffs (11)
- 11 Organs in the cornfields (4)
- 13 High temperature in the Atlantic (4)
- 14 Misses the luggage? (8)
- 16 Voyager who might solicit a rising man to come inside (7)
- 18 The vet ran out to the hotel (6)
- 20 I'd be in the ring on horseback (6)
- 21 Sin or make a mistake (5)
- 22 Have all the actors a squint? (4)



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The Ford Focus Electric

IT'S taken a while, but Ford has finally joined the electric car party with its Focus Electric, which is now on sale in the UK.

With the exception of a new grille, front-wing charging point and subtle badging, the Focus Electric shares the looks of Ford's familiar five-door hatchback, but under-the-skin uses a lithium-ion battery pack and AC electric motor, which is good for an 85mph top speed and a surprisingly sprightly 11 second sprint to 62mph.

The biggest limitation currently associated with electric vehicles (EVs) concerns a lack of useable range, but the Focus offers a claimed mileage of up to 100 miles on a full charge (depending on driving style and choice of route) aided by the powertrain's use of regenerative braking to capture up to 95 per cent of kinetic energy normally lost during the braking process.

Charging takes 10-11 hours from a standard three-pin 240 volt/10 amp UK domestic socket, while a fast charger operating at 32 amps can achieve a full top-up in three to four hours.

Due to the electric motor delivering its 250Nm of torque instantly, the Focus Electric feels very strong off the mark and at lower speeds, but over 60mph the

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rate of speed increase slows considerably, as the car gradually builds up to its restricted 85mph top speed.

Despite a significantly heavier kerb weight of 1,700kg, this Focus retains the dynamic appeal of conventionally powered versions, save for a touch less body control around corners.

In-car refinement however is a marked improvement over a combustion Focus. Like its EV rivals, the Focus Electric's motor is smooth and refined and once underway, all that disturbs the serenity is a whisper of wind noise and a modicum of road rumble.

Although cabin space is unaffected by the electric conversion, the battery occupies a significant chunk of the luggage area, which reduces everyday carrying capacity from 316 litres down to 237 litres.

Ford has made an effort by installing a two-tier load floor, incorporating a hidden storage compartment.

The interior is virtually identical to any other Focus, apart from some unique EV instrumentation.

VERDICT: The Focus stands out from the electric car crowd by looking largely identical to the regular combustion model on which it's based. That aside, Ford's first EV is a highly competent all-round product, being quick, quiet, comfortable and great to drive. A high sticker price of £28,580 (after £5k government contribution) is likely to be the only turn-off for private buyers.

FACTS at a glance

Ford Focus Electric
Price: £28,580 (inc £5k grant)
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Power: 23kwh lithium-ion battery pack
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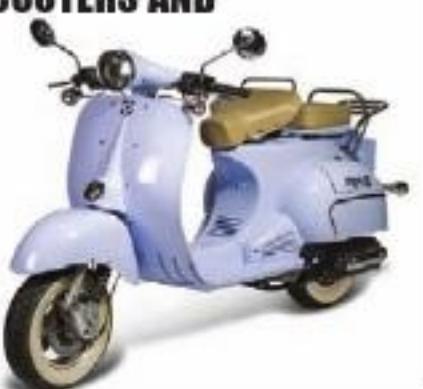
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Welsh undergo tough pre-season training

AVIVA Premiership newboys London Welsh will look to hit the ground running in their upcoming campaign after a gruelling pre-season so far.

Under the watchful eye of the club's strength and conditioning team of Ryan Campbell, Lee Eldridge and Matthew Banks, the Exiles' squad are being strenuously put through their paces at Old Deer Park.

After clinching promotion back to the Premiership with a 48-28 aggregate victory over Bristol back in June, London Welsh are vigorously preparing for their opening clash against Exeter Chiefs on September 7 at the Kassam Stadium.

Campbell said: "The goal of the first four-week phase of pre-season training is to physically prepare the players for the brutal demands of weekly Premiership, LV= Cup and European competition."

"Our aim, as a strength and conditioning department, is to provide the rugby coaches with physically fit players who are free of injury."

Eldridge, who has been at the club since 2010, added: "From a mental point of view pre-season is tough, but we've got guys who

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have done lots of them, guys like Tom May and Tim Molenaar. They can help the younger guys."

"The main emphasis from our side is strength and conditioning, and then as we move forward the rugby coaches want more pieces of the pie."

"Ryan's very good in terms of making sure that sessions have a purpose. Making someone sick during a session is not our goal."

"Anyone can make someone sick – it's about making people better."

Skills sessions have been short and intense and Campbell added: "This is fantastic as we can improve a player's fitness and skills levels simultaneously."

"This type of work transfers directly to on-field performance and is very economical with training time."

An accurately structured timetable has the players working on speed and strength development, maintaining their lean body mass and hypertrophy sessions, all aimed at getting them



• Tom May works his thigh muscles on the leg press

up to speed and fitness.

After Welsh's 2012-13 flirtation in the Premiership, no one at the club is underestimating what lies ahead.

"It's a massive challenge physically for us, the game is much faster in the Premiership

and the impact collisions are pre-season block."

greater," said Eldridge.

Despite the new season fast approaching, the Exiles must first turn their attention to Henley Hawks in a pre-sea-

son friendly on August 9, with power during the course of the whole game is something we're developing over this eight-week Pontypridd to follow.

Three more sign deals with Stars for new season

OXFORD City Stars' squad is shaping up nicely ahead of the new season with Dax Hedges, James Pentecost and Joe Edwards all penning new deals.

Ex-forward Hedges headlined last Thursday's arrivals after the 24-year-old returned to Oxford having taken a year out of the game to travel.

He joins Pentecost and Edwards in Darren Elliott's squad ahead of the National League Division 1 (NIHL1) campaign after the duo signed new one-year deals.

Hedges, who played alongside Edwards in the Division 2 championship winning team of 2012-13, is looking forward to the challenge ahead.

"I'm really happy to be back playing in Oxford," he said.

"It's good to have the team in NIHL1 to give the club and the kids something to aspire to."

Oxford coach Elliott was delighted to be reunited with Hedges at his hometown club.

"We're really pleased to have Dax back," he added.

"He brings a lot of speed and likes to get involved – good points which are sometimes difficult to find."

It comes after Kyle Flemington signed for Stars earlier this month.

Burnell reunited with 'fantastic addition' Down

SECOND row forward James Down has become London Welsh's 24th summer signing after joining from Cardiff Blues last week.

The 26-year-old's arrival continues the Exiles' overhaul after securing promotion back to the Aviva Premiership in June.

His arrival means the 6ft 7in second row will be reunited with London Welsh head coach Justin Burnell, after he brought Down into the Blues youth system.

Despite being uncapped at full international level, Down was called up to the Wales squad during the 2012 autumn internationals.

Burnell said: "He's played a lot of rugby in different competitions with Cardiff Blues and he's another fantastic addition to our squad."

"I always thought James had a huge amount of potential, which he obviously did."

"Coming through the Blues system he played alongside the likes of Bradley Davies and Lou Reed, who have both gone on to be full internationals. I still believe James has the potential to do that."

"I'm really pleased to have someone of James's calibre on board, pushing the players already within our squad and helping to add to the competitive edge."

• James Down joins the Welsh line-up (picture by Huw Evans Picture Agency)



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Appleton 'super-close' to securing new striker

OXFORD United boss Michael Appleton says the club is "super close" to signing a striker ahead of Saturday's pre-season friendly against Championship side AFC Bournemouth.

Appleton set his sights on bolstering United's attacking options since arriving at the club earlier this month and he is now closer than ever to securing a new frontman.

United's head coach hinted at a new arrival by Saturday after watching his side struggle in the final third in Tuesday's 1-0 defeat to Championship club Wolves.

"It's about getting the right one and from what I'm being told we're not close, we're just super close on certainly one," said Appleton.

"That will give everyone a big lift going into Saturday's game."

"We'll keep our fingers crossed for that one to get over the line."

United currently only have three strikers – Danny Hylton and youngsters Tyrone Marsh and James Roberts.

On Tuesday night, Wolves striker Leon Clarke scored the

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only goal of the game on 28 minutes, while Danny Rose and Callum O'Dowda were the only U's players to test visiting keeper Aaron McCarey.

Goalkeeper George Long and full-back Joe Riley both started for the U's after joining on loan this week and Appleton was pleased with the overall performance.

"I thought we more than matched a big club, a decent Championship side," he said.

"The lads showed a lot more belief in the second half when they realised they could match them and I think it was a really competitive pre-season game."

"It was the first game at home, but once we got to grips with the fact that we can play and pass the ball just as well as they can I thought the players acquitted themselves really well."

Johnny Mullins limped off after 27 minutes and his fitness will be assessed ahead of this Saturday's friendly.



• Callum O'Dowda battles for the ball with Stephen Ward (Picture by Steve Daniels)

Dan's the man as he wins gold in the Games

DAN Rivers clinched the gold medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions final with a flawless display in the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games on Tuesday.

The Didcot shooter fought off India's Sanjeev Rajput by six points to add to his bronze medal from the 10m air rifle final last Friday.

Oxford City runner Hannah England gave a gallant effort in the women's 1,500m final before fading to seventh-place in the final 200m.

Meanwhile, Dan Fox helped the men's England hockey team to two wins in Group B with comfortable victories over Trinidad and Tobago and Malaysia.

Daniel Hooker mustered a seventh-placed finish in the T37 100m whilst Tom Mitchell failed to reach the semi-finals of the rugby sevens after England slumped to a 15-14 defeat to Samoa.

Oxford University graduate Luke Caldwell finished 13th in the men's 5,000m, and will compete in the 10,000m final on Friday night.

James Jurkiewicz failed to make the semi-finals of the men's 100m backstroke, while Ben Moreau finished 14th in the men's marathon.

Oxford-born athlete Nathan Douglas will be competing in the men's triple jump qualifying rounds tomorrow night.

As the Oxfordshire Guardian went to print, Didcot weightlifter Ben Watson was competing in the men's 105kg event.



Rose enjoying playing under new U's boss in pre-season

OXFORD United midfielder Danny Rose said he is relishing working under new manager Michael Appleton as the new Sky Bet League Two season beckons, writes Dan Church.

The 26-year-old played the full 90 minutes in United's 1-0 loss to Championship newboys Wolves at the Kassam Stadium on Tuesday.

Despite the Yellows suffering their first pre-season defeat, Rose is impressed by Appleton's management since arriving in early July.

"It was really refreshing for him to come in and get across his ideas," he said.

"We've worked a lot on the

team shape and you've seen flashes of the style of play he wants to implement throughout pre-season.

"Obviously there's one more game to go and hopefully it will come together by August 9."

The former Fleetwood Town midfielder is also thriving in a more attacking role under the ex-Portsmouth boss.

"In that number 10 role, there's a lot of interchanging and rotation between the players. It gives me the chance to express myself and be positive and try score goals."

• Danny Rose (Picture by Steve Daniels)

Plato prepares for championship assault

JASON Plato returns from the mid-season break this weekend as he looks to build upon his British Touring Car Championship bid at Snetterton.

The 46-year-old lies 49 points behind championship leader Colin Turkington after the Northern Irishmen won two of the three races at Croft in late June.

The MG KX Momentum Racing star began the previous race weekend in terrific fashion by qualifying second, just three-tenths behind eBay Motors racer Turkington.

Plato's strong start soon deteriorated after dropping a place to third in the opening race, before mustering fifth and tenth-place finishes in the

remaining rounds.

Back after a month's rest, the Oxford-born driver will be determined to improve upon his two disqualifications at the same circuit last summer.

The two-time BTCC champion suffered a spectacular rollover crash in round three at Snetterton after being tapped off the track.

Plato, who won the championship in 2001 and 2010, has only tasted victory once this season after piping Sam Tordoff in round four at Donington back in April.

After this weekend's events in Norfolk, the BTCC's race calendar will see Plato head for Scotland as the drivers visit Knockhill on August 23 to 24.

Sport Bites

Win for Freds

WANTAGE Town fought off Milton United 3-1 in a pre-season friendly at Potash Lane last Saturday.

A brace from Matt Pedder plus a header from Stuart Catell completed a comfortable victory for the Division 1 South and West outfit.

The Alfredians travel to Abingdon United tonight in their penultimate pre-season friendly ahead of the new season.

Tough fixture

OXFORD Saints will be looking to make it back-to-back wins in the National League Central on Sunday as they travel to league leaders Peterborough Saxons.

Andrew Day's men head to Cambridgeshire off the back of a convincing 39-16 victory over Sandwell Steelers on July 20 that halted a run of three consecutive defeats.

The Saints currently sit third in the table having won five out of their eight league fixtures, whilst Peterborough have only suffered one defeat in seven outings.

'Quins are ready

RUGBY Union side Oxford Harlequins are gearing up for their first pre-season friendly against Grove on August 13.

The South West 1 East champions host their local rivals at North Hinksey Lane ahead of their National League 3 South West campaign.

Harlequins are also scheduled to visit Brighton and Broadstreet for pre-season friendlies before welcoming Bournemouth in their league opener on September 6.

City's Merritt pleased with club's progress

JUSTIN Merritt believes Oxford City have come a long way since he succeeded Mike Ford as manager, and is continually eyeing improvements to the squad ahead of the new season, writes Dan Church.

Merritt returned to Marsh Lane for a second spell with the Conference North club in May and is delighted with the progress he has made so far this summer.

"We've come a long way in a short space of time," he said.

"It's a work in progress as we're trying to build a new culture and a new team. It's not easy to get that altogether in such a short space of time."

Speaking after City's 1-0 friendly defeat to Ardley United on Tuesday, Merritt hinted that some new arrivals were on the horizon before their league opener at Hyde on August 9.

"We've got two or three players who we are still waiting on," he said.

"But hopefully we might be taking a couple from Oxford United. I've been in discussion with them as they've got new players coming in and some players won't be featuring."

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No points for Lotus and Caterham in tough conditions

DRIVERS BATTLE THE ELEMENTS

Pastor Maldonado finished 13th at the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday (Picture courtesy of Lotus F1)

LOTUS finished outside the top-10 for a fifth successive race in an entertaining and rain-stricken Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday.

Pastor Maldonado could only manage 13th, while Romain Grosjean was forced to retire after crashing out on lap 10 at the Hungaroring circuit.

The result means the Enstone-based constructor has failed to pick up any championship points since Grosjean's eighth-placed finish at the Monaco Grand Prix in May.

The Frenchman ditched his intermediate tyres during a safety car stint in which many drivers also switched to slicks, but spun out over a slippery white line.

Grosjean said: "The conditions on the circuit were very tricky and we couldn't get the best out of the tyres.

"We made the right call to move to slicks when the safety car came out – like most of the grid did – but I made a mistake when I was trying to keep the tyres warm.

"Unfortunately, I touched the white line and spun and that was it."

He added: "I feel very sorry for everyone in the team who are giving everything they can to give me the best car possible.

"We didn't finish the race which is very disappointing."

Meanwhile, Leafield-based Caterham continued their agonising pursuit of their first-ever championship points after both cars failed to complete the race.

Rookie Marcus Ericsson was the weekend's first casualty after smashing into the wall on lap seven after tussling with Lotus' Maldonado and Marussia's Max Chilton.

"I was having a good fight with Chilton and Maldonado, trying to line them up through turn three and I was just a bit too eager in the throttle," said the Swedish driver.

"The back stepped out and I couldn't catch the car and that was it, I was in the wall."

Team-mate Kamui Kobayashi was also forced to retire after losing power on lap 24, completing a thoroughly miserable weekend for the last-placed constructor.

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